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PLEASE DON'T LET THEM SHOOT US ANYMORE

The New South Wales (NSW) Government issues licences for over a thousand grey-headed flying-foxes to be killed every year, this despite the species being classified as a species threatened with extinction under NSW and Australian Commonwealth law. Humane Society International (HSI) is one of 57 organisations campaigning to stop the shooting.

The licences are issued to a small number of farmers who have not netted their fruit crops leaving them exposed to flying-foxes. The fact is, shooting is an ineffective method of crop protection so the flying foxes are dying needlessly and in a great deal of pain.

Very often the flying-foxes are not killed outright and are left hanging in the trees or crawling on the ground to die painful slow deaths from their injuries. Worse, they will often be carrying young, also left to die slowly and cruelly.

Scientists are warning the grey-headed flying-fox population is in serious decline and the mortality rate from shootings is a contributing factor.

The Queensland Government recently stopped issuing licences to shoot flying-foxes after an investigation by the Queensland Animal Welfare Advisory Committee found shooting flying-foxes to be inhumane.

HSI is asking the NSW Government to follow the lead of Queensland and stop issuing the licences. Bat carers are telling HSI they cannot face another flying fox killing season.

Read the report *Why NSW Should Ban the Shooting of Flying-foxes* endorsed by 57 conservation, animal welfare and wildlife rescue organisations.

What you can do:

Contact the NSW Minister for Environment and ask that her Department cease issuing licences to fruit growers to shoot flying foxes because it is inhumane and threatens the species' conservation status.

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